

## By the Quene,



De Quenes Maiestie bnderstandyng, that of late tyme sundrye persons beyng infected with certayne daungerous and pernicious opinions, in matters of religion, contrary to the faith of the Church of Chyrste, as Anabaptistes and such lyke, are come from sundrye partes beyonde the seas, into this her Realme, and specialllye into the Citie of London, and other Maritime townes, vnder the collour and pretence of fleyng from persecution, agaynst the professours of the Gospell of Chyrste: whereby yf remedy be not speedely prouided, the Church of God in this Realme shall sustaine great daunger of corruption, and sectes to encrease contrary to the vnitie of Chyrstes Church here establyshed.

For redresse wherof: Her Maiestie by aduise of her counsaile, haupnge commaunded the Archbisshop of Canterbury, Bisshop of London, and other Bisshops, to see the paryshes in London and other places herewith suspected, to be seuerly visited, and all persons suspected, to be openly tryed and examined, touchyng such phanaticall and hereticall opinions: wylleth and chargeth al maner of persons, bozne eyther in forreyne partes, or in her Maiesties dominions, that haue conceived any maner of such hereticall opinion as the Anabaptistes do holde, and meaneth not by charitable teachyng to be reconciled, to depart out of this Realme within twenty dayes after this Proclamation, vpon payne of forfaiture of all theyr goodes and cattels, and to be imprisoned and further punyshed, as by the lawes eyther ecclesiasticall or temporall, in such case is prouyded. And her Maiestie also chargeth and commaundeth vpon payne of imprisonment, that no Minister nor other person, make any conuenticules or secrete congregations, eyther to reade or to preache, or to minister the Sacramentes, or to vse any maner of deuine seruice, but that they shal resort to open Chappels or Churches, and there to preache, teache, minister, or pray, accor dyng to the order of the Church of England, except it be in cases of sickenes, or where noble men and such others that haue in all former tymes ben accustomed to haue deuine seruice sayd in theyr Oratories within theyr houses, for dyuers necessary respectes, vpon payne that whatsoeuer persons or companye shall make suche secrete conuenticules, euery person to be imprisoned without bayle or mainpryse, vntyll the coming of the Iustice for deliuey of the same Bayle, and then to be punyshed by theyr discretions.

Deuen at our Castell of wyndsoꝝ the .xxii. day of September, the second yere of our raigne.  
M.D.lx.

*God saue the Quene.*

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